Fee concession.

230. *MR. T. T. KESAVAN SASTRI (*Nominated*) : Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) whether any representations have been submitted to Government for fee concession by the Chakkayar *Samajan* which, like the Pulayas and the Parayas, is very backward in education ; and

(*b*) if so, the action taken on them ?

MR. C. V. CHANDRASEKHARAN (*Ag. Director of Public Instruction*): (*a*) No.

(*b*) This does not arise in view of the answer to part (*a*).

MR. T. T. KESAVAN SASTRI (*Nominated*) : ചാക്കയാർ സമുദായത്തിൽപെട്ടവർക്ക് ഫീസ് സൌജന്യം ചെയ്തുകൊടുക്കണമെന്ന് ഗവണ്മെൻറിലേക്ക് വല്ല അപേക്ഷയും ബോധിപ്പിച്ചിട്ടുണ്ടോ?

MR. C V CHANDRASEKHARAN (*Ag. Director of Public Instruction*) : I am not aware.

MR. T. T. KESAVAN SASTRI (*Nominated*): പുലയർ പറയർ എന്നിവരെപ്പോലെ ചാക്കയാർ സമുദായത്തിൽ പെട്ടവരും വിദ്യാഭ്യാസവിഷയത്തിൽ പിന്നോക്കം നിൽക്കുന്നവരാണെന്ന് അറിയാമോ?

MR. C. V. CHANDRASEKHARAN (*Ag. Director of Public Instruction*): I have no information.

Bridge across the Minachil River.

231. *MR. T. S. JAYANTAN NAMBOOTIRI (*Travancore Jenmies, North*): Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) whether they are aware that a bridge across the Minachil River at Palai is a long-felt want of the people ;

(*b*) if so, why they have not taken up the work of constructing a bridge, in spite of repeated representations ; and

(*c*) whether any amount is sanctioned for the work and included in the coming year's (1111) Budget ?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*) : (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) For want of funds.

(*c*) No.

Roads near the Railway Station at Edappalli.

232. *MR. K. MAHOMED (*Alwaye*) : Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) whether they are aware of the fact that the roads in three important places near the Railway Station at Edappalli have been blocked by the South Indian Railway Company ;

(*b*) whether they have received any report from the Executive Engineer at Alwaye and the Division Peishkar at Kottayam to the effect ;

(*c*) if so, what action has been taken ;

(*d*) whether they have received any complaint about such blockades from other places ; and

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(*e*) whether they have made any correspondence with the South Indian Railway authorities pointing out the necessity of erecting gates and level crossings in the places mentioned above ?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*) : (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) No.

(*c*) This does not arise in view of the answer to (*b*).

(*d*) and (*e*) No.

MR. K. MAHOMED (*Alwaye*) : With reference to answer to part (*b*), may I know how the Chief Engineer came to know that these roads have been blocked by the Railway Company ?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*) : He got a report from the Division Officer, perhaps.

MR. K. MAHOMED (*Alwaye*) : Sir, to the question whether the Chief Engineer has received any report from the Executive Engineer at Alwaye or the Division Officer whether the roads were blocked, the answer is given as in the negative. I want to know whether, without receiving any report from the subordinate officer in the Public Works Department, the Chief Engineer has taken any action in this important matter.

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*) : A report has been received from the Division Officer by the Chief Engineer.

MR. K. MAHOMED (*Alwaye*) : What is the special reason for giving an answer in the negative ?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*) : Government did not receive any report.

MR. K. MAHOMED (*Alwaye*) : May I know from the Government whether the Chief Engineer has visited Edappalli in any one of his tours to Alwaye ?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*) : I am not aware.

MR. K. MAHOMED (*Alwaye*) : May I know from the Government the reason for not intimating the Cochin Government or the South Indian Railway Company to erect gates or level crossings at the places mentioned ?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*) : These roads are not in the charge of the P. W. D. and so no reference has been made by the P. W. D. to the Railway authorities.

MR. K. MAHOMED (*Alwaye*) : May I know whether there is any objection to take it in the hands of the P. W. D. ?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*) : If there is an application from the people of the locality, the question will be considered.

MR. K. MAHOMED (*Alwaye*) : Without an application from the people, am I to understand that no steps will be taken by the Government in the matter ?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*) : No ; unless it is reported by the P. W. D.

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MR. K. MAHOMED (*Alwaye*) : Are the Government aware that trespassers who cross the roads will be prosecuted according to the Company's rules ?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*) : Yes, trespassers will be prosecuted.

MR. K. MAHOMED (*Alwaye*) ; Are the innocent people to suffer because they reside within the Travancore territory ?

PRESIDENT : That is a matter of opinion. There must be a limit to supplementary questions ?

MR. E. V. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Pattanamtitta*) : Do the Government stand in need of a representation from the people of the locality over and above the representation made by the honourable member in this House ?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*) : That is not what I said. The matter is under the consideration of the Department.

MR. E. V. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Pattanamtitta*) : On the strength of the representation ?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*): Yes.

MR. K. P. KRISHNA MENON (*Parur*) : May I know whether there is a village road crossing the Railway line ?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*) : There are several such village roads.

Swampy areas inside forest reserves.

233. ***MR. S. J. NAIR** (*Nedumangad*) : Will the Government be pleased to state ;

(*a*) whether there are swampy areas inside the forest reserves in the State ;

(*b*) how many acres of swampy areas there are and

(*c*) whether the swampy areas are fit for paddy cultivation ?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*) : (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) About 4,500 acres.

(*c*) Yes.

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*): May I know from the Government whether they are aware that the swampy areas referred to in part (*b*) of the answer were under cultivation before they were included in the Reserve Forest ?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*) : Government are not aware.

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*) : May I know from the member whether the Government are aware that Travancore is not self-supporting so far as paddy is concerned ?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*) : Yes.

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*) . May I know from the Government the quantity of paddy that is being imported annually into the State ?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*) : I claim notice.

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